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ABSTRACT

Designed as a guide for early childhood professionals, this book outlines specific success strategies for getting men--fathers or any significant male in a child's life--involved in early childhood education and child care, moving away from the traditional view of these fields as women's domains. The first section of the guide focuses on "Rethinking Involvement," followed by a section on "Strategies." Finally, a "Model Programs" section describes 14 different programs in which male involvement is being successfully sought and integrated. The chapters are as follows: (1) "Benefits"; (2) "Assessing Male Involvement"; (3) "Creating a Father-Friendly Environment," including finding out what men want and recognizing their hidden fears; (4) "Recruiting Men to Your Program"; (5) "Operating a Fathers' Program," detailing icebreakers, activities for men and kids, family and special recognition events, and skills development; (6) "Sustaining Male Involvement"; (7) "Job Training and Parent Education"; (8) "Curriculum for Dads"; (9) "Beyond the Father's Day Celebration"; (10) "Mentoring to Young Men"; (11) "Using the Public Schools"; (12) "The Monthly Men's Group"; (13) "Fathers Working Together"; (14) "Recruiting Men"; (15) "Male Involvement Specialists"; (16) "Reaching Fathers at Home"; (17) "Bus Drivers as Recruiters"; (18) "Reaching Men from the Community"; (19) "The Men's Group"; and (20) "Reaching Men on the Move." A section of resources is included, listing books for children and materials for professionals and parents. (BGC)

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